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ARE NOW LANDING  
FROM AMERICA  
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COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb  
tins, and loose.  
Soda BISCUITS.  
Assorted BISCUITS.

Small HOMINY.  
Cracked WHEAT.  
OATMEAL.  
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TOPOCAN BUTTER.  
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COPFISH, BACON.  
Prime HAMS and BACON.  
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.  
Family BEEF in 25 lb kegs.  
Best Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.  
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400 lb. Capacity.  
600 lb. " "  
900 lb. " "  
1,500 lb. " "

CORN BROOMS.  
OFFICE HIGH CHAIRS.  
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AGATE IRON WARE.  
WAFFLE IRONS.  
SMOOTHING IRONS.  
PAINTS and OILS.  
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VARNISHES.

DEVOE'S NONPAREL  
BRILLIANT  
KEROSENE OIL,  
150° test.

Ex late Arrivals from  
ENGLAND.  
A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF  
STOVES,

including:  
CHRISTMAS CAKES.  
PLUM PUDDINGS.  
MINCE PIES.  
ALMONDS and RAISINS.

Crystallized FRUITS.  
TEUSONAU'S DESSERT FRUITS.  
Fooling RAISINS.  
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Fine YORK HAMS.  
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BRAUNS.  
LAVASSE FOOD.  
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SPARTAN  
COOKING STOVES.

HITCHCOCK HOUSE LAMP.  
PERFECTION STUDENT LAMP.

CLARET'S  
CHATEAU MARGAUX.  
CHATEAU LA TOUL, pints & quarts.  
JESUS GRAVES.  
BREAKFAST CLARET, " "

SHERRIES & PORT.  
SACON'S MANZANILLA & AMON-  
TILLADO.  
SACON'S OLD INVALID PORT  
(1848).  
HON'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.  
1 and 3 star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.  
Bisquit Dubouché & Co.'s BRANDY.  
FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.  
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NOLLY PRAT & Co.'s VERMOUTH.  
CHAMBER'S GINGER BRANDY.  
EASTERN CIDER.  
CHAMPAGNE.  
MARASCHINO.  
CURACAO.

ANGOSTURA, Bitter and Orange  
Bitters, &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and  
SANDERSON, pints and quarts.  
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &  
J. BURKE, pints and quarts.  
DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the  
Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

SPECIAL SELECTED  
CIGARS.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in  
5 catty boxes.  
BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF  
SAVES, CASH and PAPER  
BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.

Hongkong, December 1, 1883. 1043

## Mails.



STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,  
ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,  
MARSEILLES, MALTA, CIBALTAIR,  
BRINDISI, TRIESTE, VENICE,  
PLYMOUTH AND LONDON;  
Also,  
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND  
AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills  
of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN  
GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES,  
TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK  
AND BOSTON.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship  
GANGES, Captain W. B. ANDREWS, with  
Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched  
from this for LONDON, via BOMBAY  
and SUEZ CANAL, on WEDNESDAY,  
the 6th March, at Daylight.

Cargo will be received on board until  
10 a.m. on Tuesday, the 4th instant.  
Passes and Space (Bills) at the Office  
until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, the 4th instant.  
Suits and Valises for Europe will be  
transhipped at Colombo, Penang and  
Cebu for London will be conveyed  
via Bombay without transhipping, arriving  
one week later than by the ordinary direct  
route via Colombo.

For Particulars, Particulars, regarding  
FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the  
PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVI-  
GATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are  
required to be declared prior to shipment.  
Singles are particularly requested to  
note the terms and conditions of the Com-  
pany's Black Bills of Lading.

N.B.—This Steamship takes Cargo and Pas-  
sengers for MARSEILLES.  
A. McIVER, Superintendent.  
Hongkong, February 21, 1884. 332

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.  
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA,  
PORT SAID, SYRIAN PORTS,  
NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS  
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;  
Also,  
BOMBAY.

ON TUESDAY, the 11th March,  
1884, at Noon, the Company's S.S.  
J. A. D'Y, Commander, will  
with MALES, PASSENGERS, &c.,  
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
above places.

Cargo and Space will be registered for  
London, Penang, and for Europe, and  
accepted in transit through Marseilles for the  
principal ports of Europe.  
Shipping Orders will be granted until  
Noon of 10th March, 1884.

Cargo will be received on board until 4  
p.m. Space and Freight until 3 p.m. on  
the 10th March, 1884. (Passes are not  
to be sent on board; they must be left at  
the Agency's Office.)  
Contents and value of Packages are re-  
quired.  
For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.

I. MARTIN,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, February 28, 1884. 335

Not Responsible for Debts.  
Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
the Company will be responsible for  
any Debt contracted by the Officers or  
Crew of the following Vessels, during  
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

DELONA, German steamer, Captain W.  
Schneider.—Stimson & Co.  
HENDRICK, American ship, Captain E.  
Lincoln.—Captain.  
MARGARETH, German ship, Capt. Chas.  
Phipps.—Order.

MARIE LOUISE, German barque, Capt. N.  
Behring.—Malchers & Co.  
RAMBLER, American barque, Capt. Chas.  
F. King.—H. J. H. Tripp.

SERAPHINE, British steamer, Captain  
Fowler.—Russell & Co.

WASHING BOOKS.  
(In English and Chinese).  
WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use  
of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now be  
had at this Office.—Price, 10¢ each.  
China Mail Office.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.  
Mar. 3, 1884.

Stocks	Value	Price	Dividend	Working	Loss	Gain	Notes
BANKS.							
H.K. and S.H.	100,000	125	125	3,108,330	52,509.02	42	160%—\$325
INSURANCES.							
Nat. China Ins.	5,000	200	200	2,500	11,300.00	sh.	
Yongtze Ins.	8,000	27	27	2,500	18	11,940	
Union Ins. Soc.	2,000	1,250	125	500,000	575,291.00	18.29	\$600
China Traders'							
Insurance	24,000	83.33	25	600,000	107,411.00	22	275
Canton Ins. Office	10,000	250	50	...	3,600,127.77	10	\$102
Chinese Ins. Co.	1,000	1,000	200	100,378	\$3,007.18	3	\$200
H.K. Fire Ins.	8,000	250	50	801,000	250,732.50	32	\$370
China Fire Ins.	20,000	100	25	500,000	100,365.49	35.60	\$64 ex div.
STEAM COMPANIES.							
H.K. & S.H.	100	75	2.5	5,000	53,691.80	6	\$111
China S.S.	100	10	10	...	...	...	...
China S.S. Co.	12,500	10	10	...	...	...	...
China & Manila	5,000	100	100	...	...	...	...
S.S. Co., Ltd.	5,500	100	100	...	...	...	...
MISCELLANEOUS.							
H.K. & S.H.	100,000	125	125	518,000	2,682.04	4	40 p. prem.
H.K. and China	100	10	10	...	...	...	...
Gas Co.	5,000	100	100	...	...	...	...
H.K. and S.H.	2,000	100	100	...	...	...	...
China Sugar Co.	100	100	100	...	...	...	...
H.K. and S.H.	1,250	100	100	...	...	...	...
H.K. and S.H.	6,000	50	50	4,000	253.45	5	\$85
H.K. and S.H.	7,000	100	100	...	...	...	...
Penk Tin Min.	3,000	50	all	...	...	...	...
Shanghai Tin	2,500	100	all	...	...	...	...
LOANS.							
Chi. Imp.	1875	6,270	100	all	...	...	...
" "	1877	10,040	100	all	...	...	...
" "	1879	3,897	500	all	...	...	...
" "	1881	8,665	500	all	...	...	...
Sugar Debit.	1880	600	500	all	...	...	...

\* For 6 months to 30th June.—Dividend for 1883 and Bonus of 25 per cent.—1 to 30th April  
1883.—1 For year 1881.—1 For half year ended 30th June, 1883.

EDWARD GEORGE, Share Broker.

## Intimations.

## NEWS FOR HOME.

## The Overland China Mail.

(The oldest Overland Paper in China.)  
PUBLISHED AT THE "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE  
IN THIS PORT FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.

Containing from 72 to 84 columns of daily  
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THIS Mail Summary is compiled from  
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Hongkong, Canton, &c., and a complete  
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Subscription, 50 cents per Copy (postage  
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THIS paper is now issued every day.  
The subscription is fixed at Four  
Dollars per annum delivered in Hong-  
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cluding postage to Coast ports.

It is the first Chinese newspaper ever  
issued under purely native direction.  
The chief support of the paper is of course  
derived from the native community,  
amongst whom also are to be found the  
missionaries and securities necessary to  
place it on a permanent and high footing.

The projectors, having their estimates  
on the most reliable information from  
the various Ports in China and Japan, and  
from Australia, California, Singapore, Pen-  
ang, Saigon, and other places frequented by  
the Chinese, render themselves identified  
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the foreign community generally will find  
it to their interest to avail themselves of  
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The field opened to a paper of this descrip-  
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commends Chinese belief and interest,  
while on the other it deserves every aid  
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Like English journals it contains Commercial  
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Geo. MURRAY BAIN,  
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Mr. Andrew Wind,  
News Agent, &c.  
133, NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK:  
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No. 2.—Vol. XII.  
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China during the Tsin Dynasty, A.D.  
264-419.

The Wenchow District.  
A Chip from Chinese History, or the Last  
Day of Empress of the Great Sung  
Dynasty, 1163-1126.

Hakka Folk-Lore.  
Escape from Chinese Mythology.  
Some Hakka Songs.  
Notes on New Books and Literary Intel-  
ligence.

Notes and Notices.  
Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.  
To Contributors.  
Hongkong, February 1, 1884.

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Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central.  
F. E. FOSTER,  
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Hongkong, March 3, 1884. 391

## Insurances.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS of the above  
Company, are authorized to insure  
against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.  
(FIRE AND LIFE.)  
CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on  
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of  
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms  
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-  
ceived, and transacted by the Directors  
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on  
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single  
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or any other information, apply to  
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.  
Hongkong, January 4, 1887. 100

## To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION  
OF  
OLD CHINESE CURIOS, &c.  
THE Undersigned has received instruc-  
tions to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,  
the 8th March, 1884, at 2 p.m., at his  
Sales Room, Parker's Ward Buildings,  
A FINE AND VALUABLE COLLECTION OF  
OLD CHINESE PORCELAINS  
AND CURIOS.

SOME VERY FINE FIVE COLOURED  
AND BLUE VASES of the reigns of KANG-  
HI, YEN-CHIEN, and K'ANG-CHI; also, FIVE-  
COLOURED JAR and Black KANG-CHI  
P'ING EXAMENS and L'ACHES, BALDWIN  
CARVINGS and OTHER OLD CHINESE  
CURIOS.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the  
Sale.  
TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.  
G. R. LAMBERT,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 3, 1884. 303

PUBLIC AUCTION.  
THE Undersigned has received instruc-  
tions to Sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,  
the 19th March, 1884, at Noon, at H. M.  
NAVAL YARD,  
SUNDRY CONDEMNED STORES, &c.,  
comprising—

OLD IRON, PAPER STUFF, RAGS, CANNES,  
HOLDS, LUMBER, VINE, LIME, LANTERNS,  
OIL SACKS, CASKS, INDIA RUBBER, GLASS,  
CRATE, DISCUT DUST COFFIN, GLASS,  
ANISERS, FIVE BAGS, MESS UTENSILS,  
&c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.  
J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 3, 1884. 304

NOTICE TO MARINERS.  
No. 4.  
CHINA SEA.  
FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

NORTH BREAKERS BUOY.  
NOTICE is hereby given that a Black  
Central Buoy, mounted by a  
Black DEUCE-SIXTY-SEVEN Cane, has been  
sunk in 10 feet at low water spring tides,  
to mark the North Breakers Bank, on the  
south-eastern side of the North Channel  
over the Outer Bar at the entrance to the  
River Min.

From the Buoy—  
Sharp Peak bears N. 81° 30' W., magnetic.  
Round Island " S. 62° W. "

By Order of the Inspector-General of  
Customs,  
A. M. BISBEE,  
Customs Inspector.

Imperial Maritime Customs,  
Coast Inspector's Office,  
Shanghai, 22nd February, 1884. 389

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"GANGES."

THE Departure of this Steamer for  
EUROPE has been POSTPONED  
until Daylight on WEDNESDAY MORN-  
ING, the 5th instant.  
All Passengers should embark To-mor-  
row EVENING.

A. McIVER,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong,



No one seems to know exactly the strength of the *bona fide* Chinese soldiers in Tonquin. We are ourselves of opinion that they are not yet numerically strong, but a correspondence has unquestionably been established with the last five months that did not exist before between Liu Yung Koo and the authorities of Yunnan and Kwangsi. Arms and money have been supplied, and it is probable that volunteers in drab uniforms continue to go forward every week. Even after Bacninh is taken this time of affairs may go on, unless, indeed, the French succeed in their reported plan of surrounding and capturing the whole of the Black Flag in that citadel. It is hardly possible they will succeed in this to the extent of crushing the organization altogether. The probability is that the resistance will be continued from a camp, or camps, to be found higher up, and so the French will be drawn on and on nearer the borders of China, where they may be certain they will meet Chinese troops in strength.

The French Government, on the other hand, judging from the strong reinforcements recently arrived or on the way, are determined to carry their point at all hazards. That Bacninh, if not already in their hands, will soon be, is, of course, beyond all doubt, as well as any other point they may think it worth their while to occupy. But the question is what next? If China thereupon declares war, as the Marquis Tseng has told us she will, we shall know, of course, where we are. It will have to be fought out and the loser will pay. But the Marquis Tseng told us the same thing about Sontal, and with all due deference to him, we don't think she will. But she will continue her hostile attitude on the frontier and she will foster a guerilla war in Tonquin all along the French lines. The French will thus be obliged to make some move. As long as China remains hostile they cannot withdraw or substantially reduce their army of occupation, for to do so would be the signal for the Chinese to advance. Nor do we suppose that France will be inclined to go to the expense of keeping a permanent army of occupation of some 15,000 men in Tonquin. Clearly, therefore, she must either force or persuade the Chinese to become friends.

The delays of the last six months have, as we said, so far aroused the anti-foreign party in China that we believe it will not be very difficult to offer any terms that would be acceptable to China and not humiliating to France. A writer in a recent number of the *Times*, speaking as it would appear, in the name of the Chinese Legation of London, declared that the Red River as a boundary was the *de jure* ultra of Chinese concession, China taking the Northern and France the Southern shore, it being also a further condition that Bacninh must not be attacked. We confess we do not see how France, which rejected the Bourée propositions, could possibly consent to these without a manifest confession of wrong doing. Besides, such a scheme has little to recommend it on its own merits. A navigable stream can hardly be called a scientific frontier even between peoples both of whom are desirous of keeping the peace. Who is to control the navigable river and where does the one jurisdiction begin and the other end? In this case we believe it would quickly lay the seeds of a fresh quarrel, if it were accepted which we do not suppose for a moment it will be.

We stated some months ago our belief that the question of an indemnity was bound to come to the front before a final settlement was arrived at. It will not be denied that the action of China has given France some plausible grounds for making a claim of this nature and we expect to hear more of it soon. The threatened seizure of Hainan or Formosa as a material guarantee, would, we believe, be the last objectionable method of bringing China round to terms that has yet been suggested. It could be done without loss of life or injury to the inhabitants and at the same time be a powerful lever in bringing negotiations to an issue. We believe the French will have to make a move of some kind soon to relieve the diplomatic dead-lock. To blockade any of the ports on the mainland would be to run the risk of complications with other Powers and a move on Peking involves a much larger army than they yet have. None of these objections apply to the seizure of Formosa or Hainan, and we should not be surprised to see the project soon put into execution. But we fear we are a long way from the end of the dispute yet.

## TELEGRAMS.

**PARLIAMENTARY INTELLIGENCE.**  
LONDON, March 1.  
Further details regarding the Franchise Bill that the new Bill provides for a uniform rate throughout the three kingdoms.

**THE TRANSVAAL AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.**  
LONDON, March 1.  
The Transvaal Convention has been signed. The Sovereignty of England has been abolished, but she reserves to herself the right to veto treaties with Foreign Powers.

**THE WAR IN SOUDAN.**  
LONDON, March 2.  
Latest intelligence from Suakin states that the rebels have been completely defeated by Gordon Pasha. The British loss in killed and wounded is estimated at fifty, and the enemy's at a thousand.

**THE CHINA MERCHANTS' S. N. CO.'s STEAMER POOCHI.** Captain Lancaster, has had the honour this morning of opening the Tientsin trade. She only got as far as Taku, but she was received with demonstrations of delight by the Chinese, who fired crackers and exhibited illuminations in her honour. There was plenty of solid ice opposite the Taku-Ostium House, three miles above the spot where the Poochi was anchored. At Tientsin the Poochi was free of ice. — N. C. & N. News.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

**PASSED CANALS.**—*Merionethshire*, Feb. 4; *Ajax and Sindh*, Feb. 11; *Saripadan*, *Gordon Castle* and *Iphigenia*, Feb. 19.

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The departure of the home-going mail steamer *Ganges* has been postponed until Wednesday morning at daylight. All passengers should embark on Tuesday evening.

The Hon. F. R. Plunkett, H. B. M.'s newly appointed minister to Japan, arrived yesterday in the P. & O. steamer *Clyde* on his way to Yokohama, to which place he will proceed in the same company's steamer *Kashgar*. He is accompanied by Mrs. Plunkett and two daughters.

YESTERDAY'S procession of the Cross at Macao was grand and imposing a spectacle as never. Neither money nor arms seemed to have been spared to make the display as brilliant as possible, and the appearance of the gorgeous train as it moved slowly from point to point was magnificent. Its beauty was much admired by the large concourse of people who witnessed it. Beautiful weather was enjoyed.

This morning, on the godown keepers employed at the P. & O. Company's godowns at the Praya making their usual daily examination, they found a Chinese coolie seated in a godown besides a chest of opium, which he had apparently opened during the night and extracted from it 23 balls, value \$100. He was charged with the theft at the Police Court this morning, but the case was remanded until the 8th instant, no evidence being taken.

Mr. Charles Bunker, who has for some years occupied the office of Honorary Treasurer to the Temperance Hall Committee, has resigned his duties in consequence of pressure of his other duties. Mr. Bunker has taken great interest in the working of the institution and his resignation has been regretted by the other members of the Committee, who lose his valuable services. Mr. Bunker still remains a member of the Committee.

THE Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Company's vessel, the *Clyde*, which brought out the last English mail, made one of the smartest runs from Singapore to this port that has ever been made. She left Singapore at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of Tuesday last, the 28th ultimo, and 2 p.m. on the 27th as was stated before she arrived, and came alongside the wharf here at 12.15 p.m. yesterday, thus making the passage in four days and a little over twenty-one hours. She is one of the newest vessels the Company has.

THE Lynch Family, bell-ringers and vocalists, who are now engaged on a tour round the world, were passengers yesterday by the P. & O. steamer *Clyde* from Penang. Owing to the ill-health of several members of the Company, the Family are booked through to Japan and will proceed on to Yokohama by the *Kashgar* on Thursday. Mr. J. S. Farron, the comedian, is still at Penang, but will arrive here by the next mail steamer and rejoin the Company at Shanghai on their return from Japan. The Company will commence their season here about the middle of next month.

A DETERMINED case of suicide is reported from Macao. Shortly after nine o'clock yesterday (Sunday) morning, it was discovered that Mr. Clodolpho A. dos Santos Oliveira, second clerk in the official revenue office, had put an end to his existence in his own compound, by suspending himself by the neck with a short piece of rope tied to a beam. When found deceased was almost in a kneeling position, his toes touching the ground, so that before he could have accomplished his object, he must have kept his feet off the ground long enough to strangle himself. He is said to have been sorely troubled about his financial affairs.

THE *Overland China Mail* published for the English mail steamer leaving to-morrow will be a full and complete record of the news of the past fortnight, and, as usual, will also contain seven or eight columns of special commercial intelligence, which does not appear in the daily issue of the paper. There is also a special summary of the news of the fortnight. Among other matters reported in *extenso* in this issue of the *Overland China Mail* will be—

The Yotani Disaster.  
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And the reports of the various meetings of companies during the fortnight.

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SOMEWHAT sensational information has reached us from native sources regarding certain disturbances which are taking place at Kwei Sin in the prefect of Hwai Chau, about four days journey from Canton in an easterly direction. It is emphatically affirmed by our informants, who are in a position to possess thoroughly reliable data, that for some time past a large band of robbers, estimated by some to number between 7,000 and 8,000, have been plundering in a wholesale manner, all the villages in the district. Their depredations were brought to the notice of the prefect and his assistants, and the Colonel of the Imperial Garrison at Hwai Chau was despatched with a force of several hundred men to subdue and disperse the band. The Imperial force on meeting with the desperadoes, found itself vastly outnumbered, and, after an engagement with the foe, had to retreat with the loss of three officers and ten men killed, and a much larger number wounded. Assistance has now been applied for from the Cantonese authorities, who have despatched the gunboat *Ching-an*, the revenue steamer *Fai-tsun* and a number of war-junks, with a force of 2,000 soldiers, to quell the disturbance. The result of this expedition has not yet come to hand. Hwai Chau is quite close to the coast.

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